

WHEELING BOARD OF HEALTH
REGULAR MEETING

January 23, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Shannon.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Birnbaum, Middleton, Pritzker and Shannon.
Commissioners Abruscato and Melone were absent with prior notice.

Health Inspector, Serena Klinger was present.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - November 28, 2017

Commissioner Birnbaum moved, seconded by Commissioner Pritzker to approve the minutes dated November 28, 2017, as presented. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

IIII. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA - none

V. CITIZENS CONCERNS AND COMMENTS

Chairperson Shannon read the following statement.

Members of the general public may address the Board of Health with concerns or comments regarding issues relevant to the Board of Health's agenda or topics that the Board of Health has the authority pursuant to the Village Code to address. The Chairperson or his or her designee shall strictly restrain comments to matters that are relevant to the Board of Health's business and shall not permit repetitious comments or arguments. Members of the general public who wish to address the Board of Health must sign the request to speak prior to the commencement of the public hearing. A personal submitting a petition, concern or other comment shall be allotted 5 minutes to present their points.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

a) Blood Drives - Next date March 7, 2018

Health Inspector Klinger announced March 7, 2018 as the date of the next blood drive.

There were 103 units of blood collected in 2017. 110 were collected in 2016.

b) Prescription Medication Collection - December 16, 2017

Health Inspector Klinger announced 705 lbs of sharps and 325 lbs of medication were collected. 379 lbs of medication and 604 lbs of sharps were collected in 2016.

Health Inspector Klinger provided copies of information for the controlled substance collection available at Walgreens.

Commissioner Birnbaum distributed copies at the medication collection and it was well received. Copies will be kept in the room. Commissioner Melone asked if there was a link on the Village's website regarding the Walgreens collection. Health Inspector Klinger would need to request it.

Commissioner Birnbaum questioned if Walgreens was accepting only controlled substances. Health Inspector Klinger confirmed they were accepting all medication.

Commissioner Birnbaum noted the requirements were not included in the Walgreens information. She mentioned that the Board of Health asks that the name of the medication be left on the bottle.

Health Inspector Klinger explained that controlled substances can't be collected at the Village is because the Police Department did not have the manpower to station it.

Health Inspector Klinger mentioned that the April, June, August, November and December collections needed volunteers. She mentioned that each Board of Health member needed to volunteer at about 4 collections per year.

Commissioner Pritzker - signed up for 2 collections
Commissioner Birnbaum - signed up for 4 collections
Commissioner Middleton - signed up for 1 collections
Commissioner Melone - signed up for 2 collections
Commissioner Abruscato - has not signed up for any
Commissioner Shannon - signed up for 3 collections

Commissioner Birnbaum reported that they filled 4 bins of sharps and 2 bins of prescription medications at the last medication collection.

Chairperson Shannon announced she would need to leave a little early on April 21st. Commissioner Pritzker agreed to could manage by herself for the last hour.

Health Inspector Klinger announced that Commissioner Middleton and Commissioner Melone will work the February 17th collection.
Commissioner Middleton indicated she was no longer available.

Chairperson Shannon requested adding a shared calendar online to assist with scheduling. Health Inspector Klinger was in agreement and offered to add a shared Google calendar. She offered to also include dates of all drives and meetings.

c) Wheeling Walks program

Commissioner Birnbaum suggested doing something to get the walk going again. The 8-week challenge went well with 100 people but has now dwindled to the small core group. The Park District sent e-mail blasts announcing some giveaways which attracted a few more people.

Commissioner Middleton offered to do a video advertising the Wheeling Walks. Commissioner Birnbaum thought it could be used on the Park District's Facebook feed.

Commissioner Birnbaum was pleased there was always someone walking every Saturday at 9:30 a.m.

Commissioner Birnbaum announced starting February 1st, the Park District is doing a lazy triathlon. Participants can take the month of February to complete the triathlon. Wheeling Walks is part of the program and the miles can be put toward the walking mileage.

d) Glyphosate usage

Health Inspector Klinger responded to Commissioner Middleton's e-mail and stated she did not know the locations of the test areas.

She was told it would be off of Lake Cook Road. She will provide the information as soon as it has been determined. Pictures will be taken and documented.

Commissioner Middleton was proud of the test zone.

Commissioner Middleton felt it appeared the Village was not leaning toward the organic and was just switching away from Glyphosate and use a similar product. She said she would not stop pursuing Glyphosate and other similar chemicals. She will continue to bring articles and proposals. She wants to make the Village better place. She will continue to spread the word.

Commissioner Pritzker felt the Board of Health should stop bombarding the Village until the testing gets done and results seen.

In response to Commissioner Middleton's question, Health Inspector Klinger explained any ideas need to be proposed during the meeting.

It is then up to everyone on the Board of Health to decide to discuss the topic or not. Commissioner Middleton wants to keep pursuing it since she feels there is still a lot of work to be done. She thinks the testing is a small victory.

Commissioner Middleton questioned who she should contact to discuss food waste if the majority of the Board of Health does not want to discuss. Health Inspector Klinger explained it would stop and would not go further. Commissioner Middleton questioned as a resident who should she contact. Health Inspector Klinger explained as a resident she was always welcome to go to a Village Board Meeting and talk. She also indicated as a resident, she could also contact Public Works direct with questions. Health Inspector Klinger noted there were some questions they may not be able to answer and may require a FOIA. Commissioner Middleton was surprised since she had contacted the Village direct regarding Glyphosate and was given the information. Health Inspector Klinger noted that some information may not require a FOIA. Commissioner Middleton wants to go through proper channels and wants to be on public record that she requested certain information. She expressed concern about Barricade.

Health Inspector Klinger explained the Village was not applying Barricade; it was being applied by their contractor. The contractor would have the MSD sheet and not the Village. Commissioner Middleton wants to raise awareness. Health Inspector Klinger suggested she contact the company that manufactures it.

Commissioner Middleton asked about her question regarding the budget. Health Inspector Klinger stated that her e-mail was forwarded to the Village Manager's office and she was told that it was not the approved budget. She suggested contacting Karen if she had questions related to the budget.

Commissioner Pritzker questioned the goal. Commissioner Middleton explained the letter was asking to ban the use in public spaces that the Village controls.

Chairperson Shannon announced the topics being discussed were not on the agenda. The topics from e-mails that were sent to everyone should not be discussed since the topics were not on the agenda.

She reminded the Commission that they needed to stay on the agenda. The topics needed to be added to the agenda in order to be discussed. She reminded the Board of Health that there had been a request at the last meeting to discuss mission and goals for this year.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Chairperson Shannon referred to the mission statement and asked for input on any changes. Commissioner Birnbaum needed more time to review. She suggested waiting until Commissioner Melone was present since the request came from her. Chairperson Shannon suggested tabling the discussion to the next meeting.

Chairperson Shannon mentioned that Commissioner Melone wanted to get involved in a community needs assessment. Health Inspector Klinger felt it was doable to send out a mass e-mail if that is what the Board of Health wanted to do.

Commissioner Birnbaum felt there needed to be a goal and questions formulated that would address it and then have a certain percentage of the population respond.

Chairperson Shannon explained it needed to be short and simple or people wouldn't look at it. She suggested looking at the demographics of Wheeling and health statistics of Wheeling.

Health Inspector Klinger questioned if the Board of Health ever did other screening in the past. Chairperson Shannon mentioned the Board of Health had done PSA testing in the past at the Amvets.

Health Inspector Klinger mentioned that there were junior colleges located nearby that had nursing students. She offered to tap into the students for blood pressure readings.

Commissioner Birnbaum announced that the Park District was hosting a health fair in 2018. Chairperson Shannon suggested helping them. It will be added to the next agenda.

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled on March 27, 2018.

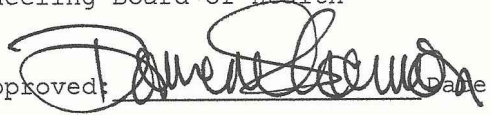
VIII. VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was entered at 7:58 p.m. by Commissioner Birnbaum. Commissioner Pritzker seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval by the Board of Health.

Respectfully submitted,

Danene Shannon, Chairperson
Wheeling Board of Health

Approved:  Date: 03/30/2018